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PICTURE OF THE MONTH

**Mr. E. R.
Williams'**
HYDROGEN
— OUTSTANDING STAKE
WINNER



This month saw the return to form of Hydrogen, Mr. E. R. Williams' black horse by Delville Wood out of Sweet Sound. His win in the Queen's Plate w.f.a. at Flemington on 3rd March, by two lengths, seemingly showed that the five-year-old is as sound as ever. Champion Hydrogen is increasing the margin by which he leads all other stakeswinners in Australia; he has now won close to £60,000 for Mr. Williams. Picture shows him here returning to scale last year at Randwick, with Darby Munro up.

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KEEPING POSTED

MAKE way for the fourth John Dexter! Making sure that their representation in swimming club circles will be continued well into the next century, the Dexter family announce the arrival of John Dexter, Minimus — in other words a brand new grandchild. The first John was, of course, "Pilot" of "The Referee"; alas, he is no longer here to enjoy our congratulations — but you can make up for that by joining grandfather John and father John in their happy celebration of this joyful event. And don't forget that George Christie, too, is a senior partner, worthy of congratulation — it is his daughter that is Mrs. John Dexter, Junior.

LINDSAY WILLS and Mrs. Wills will have left by the time you read this, sailing on the *Cirrus* for a holiday in Europe and U.K.

ONE of the Club's Legal Lights was invited to Canberra with his wife; but when the day came near he told his good lady that he feared he would have to call it off as he had a divorce action set down in court for that day. In the presence of reliable witnesses, she informed him that there would certainly be a divorce action at home if they didn't go. They went.

1954 BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER TOURNAMENTS

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THE fifteenth of this month will be a Red Letter Day — as our friends of Brisbane Tattersall's "Backseaters" arrive for the annual cricket match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The fifteenth will be a day for conditioning; sixteenth will be the day of the match, and Thursday, if all goes well, will be celebrated by a picnic. The match will have been decided by the time you read this — too late for inclusion in this issue; full report next month!

NICE to see Jack Sims up and about again after his spell in hospital. A. G. Connolly is still in St. Vincent's Hospital; Harry Austin is back on deck after a bout of illness.

EDITORIAL: A Social Service

We in this club do not live by bread alone. There is more to membership than providing a place to eat, drink and rest. Material things are important — but not all-important.

Club service extends beyond physical needs and takes on the real character and purpose of club life when it enters the social sphere.

There was an example toward the close of last month: a film evening attended by members and their families. This was a screening, in particular, of the Davis Cup matches, by courtesy of the Dunlop Company, of which the N.S.W.

Manager, Mr. E. F. Krieger, is a club member. This entertainment packed the capacious club room and everybody was saying at the close: "Please put on a similar show soon." The committee will bear this request in mind, since its policy is to retain the goodwill of members and hold the regard of their families.

The occasion provided opportunity for members to take their families to dinner before the screening and subsequently to supper. "A real night out," one of the wives expressed it. To be sure, the wives will be looking for a repeat performance — and so will club members.

Happy Birthday to You!

MARCH

1 A. J. Boulton	15 E. A. Moore
W. A. G. Purss	Ian Jacobson
A. J. Keeling	F. J. Williams
2 W. H. Lannen	16 S. A. Willmott
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V. C. Bear	20 L. R. Harrison
Vincent Carroll	R. C. Beveridge
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8 Judge Clegg	J. A. Driscoll
9 M. Zukerman	E. J. Morgan
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J. R. Paull	J. L. Monaro
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11 J. H. E. Nathan	25 Mark Whitby, Snr.
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A. A. Ray	M. Frank Albert
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Fred Vockler	J. N. Russell
12 A. W. Armstrong	R. J. Want
13 H. E. Herman	27 S. N. Allen
L. B. Isaacs	J. A. Sullivan
14 G. W. Savage	A. W. Lander
J. P. O'Neill	29 G. J. C. Moore
	C. J. Johnson
	30 Granby Y. Seymour
	31 J. L. McDermott

APRIL

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5 W. J. McIver	A. L. Bragg
S. P. Owen	Peter Williams
Arthur Norton	H. W. Smith
J. E. Burley	19 T. W. Reid
6 G. E. Nagel	J. Levenson
Dr. Donald Finlay	20 Arthur Smith
M. Tolz	F. J. Alderman
7 R. S. Bailey	T. F. Nash
N. R. Plomley	22 J. W. Brecken- ridge
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J. H. G. Wilkes	23 D. Loethering- ton
9 P. R. Harnett	J. G. Perry
Dr. F. A. Bel- lingham	A. T. Cusick
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J. S. Cuming	B. J. L. Davis
C. G. D. Allman	28 Geo. Sanderson
12 C. L. Fader	W. R. Laforest
W. H. Ho'e	H. S. Barrow
R. L. McKinnon	29 N. H. B. Brown
J. S. Dunne	30 P. T. Kavanagh
B. A. Grace	J. M. Furlong
W. A. McDonald	Herbert M. Abbott
A. W. Anderson	Hugh Marshall

HERE To-day, Gone To-morrow Department: Athol Williams, back from a world tour scarcely long enough to say hullo and be properly welcomed by his friends — and now off again to New Zealand! But we're told he will be back soon.

COMMITTEEMAN Claude Moore has returned from a holiday at Tea Gardens. Reports say he enjoyed a deal of big game fishing—when the weather allowed.

ALF COLLINS, too, got some of the big ones — at Jervis Bay.

LATEST reports on Bill Rowlinson from London say that he is having a thoroughly enjoyable time and sends his regards to his many friends in the Club.

QUITE a few departures this month: T. G. Edgar, for one, is off on a business trip to the U.S.A., England and Europe. E. G. Conen, too, is away to England on business.

ELECTIONS for the Committee of the Newcastle Jockey Club a week or two ago saw Dave Mackie and Harry Hayes both successful. Congratulations are in order!

ADRIAN QUIST was in fine form on the 24th February, when a number of members and their friends enjoyed his film of the Davis Cup play. It was a particularly interesting night, and members were grateful indeed for the opportunity of seeing this unique film.

NICE to see F. Gawler back in the Club again. He had quite a spell in Scottish Hospital, but now is well on the way back to good health.

TWO additions to the sick list: F. R. Allen and W. A. G. Purss — both in hospital. Briefly only, we hope.

AND two more on their way overseas: C. A. Douglas, off shortly on a business trip to England; J. G. Hurley, leaving on 26th March for a rather extended trip to England, the Continent and the States with Mrs. Hurley.

YET another pair of fortunate travellers: Dr. L. E. McDermott intends leaving soon for U.S.A. and U.K.; and W. J. Barton, with Mrs. Barton, will shortly be away for the same parts of the world.

M. W. McIVER has cause for congratulation — and celebration. There's another little girl in the family — and grandfather W. J. McIver is just about as pleased as the proud father!

HAROLD QUINTON, back from a business trip to Singapore, speaks in glowing terms of the hospitality received from Singapore Cricket Club — when he made it known he was from Tattersall's Club, Sydney.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dave Hunter — appointed for three years a Judge in Tonga, Fiji. But we will miss his company.



Point-score Success Goes the Rounds

Swimming honours are going the rounds this season! Last month, again, another swimmer, Alan Stewart, won his first Point Score trophy when he headed Bill Williams by three points with Peter Lindsay and Harold Herman together next a further point astern.

STEWART is swimming particularly well and, with a dash of 21 secs., swam second fastest time of the month, Malcolm Fuller being best at 20.7. Following those two was Bill Williams with 21.5 secs. as well as 21.7 twice. John Dexter swam 21.7 and 21.8 and Fred Harvie 22.

Handicapper John Gunton has been a busy man recently, letting Harvie and Bruce Chiene out a second each. Those two hearties rewarded John by winning a race each first up from their new marks.

On the other side, John had a time-slashing time when he pulled Brian Davis, Ray Corrick and Fred Daly back two, three and one seconds respectively. As a matter of fact you would have thought two other officials had won the lottery judging from their grins when the times were broken. Nice chaps, these!

Davis and Corrick saddled up for their first races on February 23 and made their marks at once, Corrick, in partnership with Fred Daly, winning the Brace Relay with Davis and Neil Barrell second.

Next time up both Davis and Corrick won their heats easily and were hot favourites to take out the two finals. Davis carried

out his part of the contract but Corrick had gone off to Jervis Bay on the day of the final and was a non-starter.

It's certain that both will improve further when they learn to start and turn better.

Fred Daly has been coached in his starting dive so you can expect a few time-smashing efforts soon.

Laurie Trafford has got over his cracked rib and is in action again. The North Bondi flyer will catch the judge's eyes soon.

Alf Rainbow nearly won at his first effort for some time and some of the boys reckoned he "wuz robbed" by not getting a dead heat.

The learned Judge has his eye on a few "dead uns" and wants to be there when they come good to lead the cheering(?). Fie on you, Alf, they're all triers in the Swimming Club.

Arthur McCamley was sure Thursday, 4th March, was not his good day because whilst acting as judge he was sure that Jack Shaffran had gone before his time and was equally sure that Bill Williams had beaten John Dexter in a final only to be overruled both times by his two fellow judges. "Can't take a trick," moaned Arthur.

Vic. Richards, looking and feeling much better, thank you, has been watching the races a few times lately but his main object has been to see that the officials get their due or dues. He feels, with Lionel Dare and Zade Lazarus, that they are worth their weights in gold.

Jack Shaffran is off on a world tour again soon, lucky dog.

Soon to leave us is Dave Hunter who has been appointed Chief Justice of Tonga and the good wishes of the boys go with this fine sportsman.

The season's Point Score is getting very interesting and at time of writing John Dexter had reduced his leeway to two points behind Harold Herman and has gone well ahead of Geoff Laforest who still holds third place.

Sickness followed by a holiday has set Bob Harris back and he has been deposed from fourth place by Cuth. Godhard whilst Alan Stewart has gone up the ladder another rung and is now sixth.

Peter Lindsay has improved from eleventh to eighth with Stu. Murray up to seventh from eighth.

Results

9th February—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap:—F. Harvie and R. Harris (44), 1; C. Godhard and S. Murray (51), 2; J. O. Dexter and M. Fuller (43), 3. Time: 42.5 secs.

16th February — 40 yards
Handicap:—1st Division Final—
F. Harvie (22), 1, A. Stewart
(21), 2, J. Shaffran (23), 3.
Time: 22 secs. 2nd Division
Final—W. Williams (22), 1, P.
Lindsay (24), 2, H. Herman (27),
3. Time: 21.5 secs.

23rd February — 80 yards
Brace Relay Handicap:—F. Daly
and R. Corrick (63), 1, B. Davis
and N. Barrell (55), 2, P. Lindsay
and C. Godhard (50) and
S. Lorking and V. Thicknesse
(48), 3. Time: 59.3 secs.

2nd March—40 yards Handi-
cap:—1st Division Final — B.
Davis (31), 1, F. Daly (31), 2,
J. Shaffran (23), 3. Time: 29.6
secs. 2nd Division Final—J. O.
Dexter (22) and W. Williams
(22), 1, P. Lindsay (24), 3. Time:
21.7 secs.

January-February Point Score

This series resulted:—A. Stewart, 27, 1; W. Williams, 24, 2; P. Lindsay and H. Herman, 23, 3; F. Harvie, 20, 5; C. Godhard, 18½, 6; S. Murray, 17½, 7; R. Harris and J. O. Dexter, 17, 8; J. Shaffran, 15½, 10; M. Fuller, 14½, 11; A. McCamley, 14, 12; B. Chiene, 13½, 13; G. Laforest and T. Barrell, 13, 14; T. M. Way-
land, 12½, 16.

February-March Point Score

With two races to complete it, leaders in this series are:—F. Daly 15, B. Davis 15, R. Corrick 13, W. Williams 11½, P. Lindsay 11½, J. O. Dexter 10½, V. Thicknesse 9½, C. Godhard 9½, S. Lorking 8½, S. Murray 8, H. Herman 7, S. Harvey 7, N. Barrell 7, W. Kirwan 7, A. Stewart 7, A. Mc-

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HANDBALL



“Big Trio” Advance to Semi-Finals

The “A Grade” Championship has progressed to almost the semi-finals. The “Big Trio”—George McGilvray (Club Champ.), Eddie Davis and Bruce Partridge—have won their contests, and when the game between John Dexter and Bill Sellen, Junior, has been played, the final four will be complete.

GEORGE McGILVRAY de-
feated Peter Lindsay 21-11,
21-9. Whilst on the scores, this
appears an easy victory, any
game against Peter is never easy,
and the scores are no indication
of the closeness of this contest.
George had to be right at his top
and close shots at vital stages
tipped the scales in his favour,
although every point was very
evenly contested.

The game between Eddie Davis
and Clarrie Woodfield resulted
in a win for the former Champ.
by 21-11, 21-15. Here, again,
the games were very close. Clarrie
played extremely well, and he
would have defeated many good
players, but when the chips are
down in a championship match,
Eddie has the knack of produc-
ing the extra effort that made
him Club Champion for so many
years. Yes, on the day, Eddie
carried just too many guns for
Clarrie.

The other match between
Bruce Partridge and Zaide Lazarus
was won by Bruce 21-9, 21-
19, as expected. Nevertheless,
Zaide went within a point of
taking the second set which,
against such a fine player as
Bruce, is a feather in his cap.
With the scores 19 all, anything
could have happened, but Bruce
was lucky enough to win the vital
point to lead 20-19, and then

won the last point to make the
score 21-19. Congratulations to
Bruce and also to Zaide who
played very well.

We are now looking forward to
the game between John Dexter
and Bill Sellen, Junior.

B Grade

In this grade, the semi-final-
ists have been decided. Eric
Thompson, Andy Magill, Viv.
Thicknesse and Geoff. Eastment.

Eric Thompson outstayed
Gordon Boulton 12-21, 21-16, 21-
12 after a marathon effort. Both
men were exhausted at the end
of the match.

Andy Magill had a walkover
from Harry Davis. Harry has
not been well lately and very
wisely decided to forfeit.

Viv. Thicknesse defeated John
Shaffran 21-16, 14-21, 21-16,
which also was a marathon. Viv.
outstaying John and is playing
very well indeed. Later, John
confided that he wished he had
been able to get that little extra
which would have carried the
day for him, but very sportingly
said that he just could not do it
and was first to congratulate his
opponent. Well done, both of
you!

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HANDBALL COMPETITION CHART

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Some Facts You Didn't Know About Racing

The Sport of Kings has several strange facets—here are an assortment of facts about racing culled from here and there.

IT is probable that we owe the racehorse to Mahomet (A.D. 570-632). In order to spread his new religion among the widely scattered Arabs he mounted his disciples on the swiftest horses that could be found, and this encouraged the breeding of horses whose chief virtue was speed. But it was James I who really founded the modern racehorse when, in 1616, he bought the Markham Arabian, a horse recently imported from the East, and thus encouraged his entourage to import large numbers of Arabs, Barbs and Turks, whose blood still flows in the champions of to-day. The three original sires of present-day racing stock were the Darley Arabian, the Byerley Turk and the Godolphin Arabian. The last-named had been a present from the Emperor of Morocco to Louis XIV of France, but the French King for some reason discarded the horse. Subsequently an Englishman

named Coke saw the stallion drawing a cart in the streets of Paris, bought him then and there for £3 and shipped him to England.

Origin of Sweepstakes

The system of awarding three prizes for a race originated accidentally. In 1609 a big race was held at Chester and a silver ball was to be awarded to the winner. But when the ball was shown to the patron he rejected it as being of inferior workmanship. The silversmith had another try and met with another rejection. His third attempt was successful, but the patron then found himself with three balls and only one race. So he decided to present the best ball to the winner, the next best to the second horse, and the poorest ball to the third, an idea that caught on and has continued ever since. And then a hundred years later Queen Anne had another bright idea. She it was who originated the sweepstakes — racing for a cash prize contributed by the competing owners, in addition to the gold cup she put up herself. Her own horse won the first sweepstakes in racing history.

The Classics

Rough racecourses sprang up all over England during the remainder of the eighteenth century. The events were generally

over four miles, the horses were heavily weighted, and only four-year-olds and over competing in such gruelling tests. Until, in 1776, Colonel St. Leger, who lived near Doncaster (where Queen Anne had been a patron of the course), got up a race for three-year-olds over two miles. The race has been run annually ever since, and thus the St. Leger is the oldest of the classic races. Three years later the twelfth Earl of Derby fixed up a sweepstakes race over the Epsom Course for three-year-old fillies, which he called the "Epsom Oaks," and in the following year he instituted a race for three-year-olds over one mile, to which he gave no name. That race, the first "Derby," was run on May 4, 1780, and was won by Diomed. Ten years later Diomed was sold to an American for fifty guineas. Meantime the Derby course had been lengthened to 1½ miles.

The Derby

No horse has ever won all the five classic races. In 1902, however, Sceptre won all but the Derby. She almost won the Eclipse Stakes in 1903, but lost by a neck to Ard Patrick. In 1884 the result of the Derby was a deadheat between Harvester and St. Gatien and the stakes were divided. But, talking of deadheats, the record occurred in the following year at Newmarket, where in one race, four horses out of a field of five passed the winning post with their noses

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M. D. J. DAWSON,
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in a line! In that year, the most famous of all jockeys, Fred Archer, rode the winner in the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby, the Oaks and the St. Leger. In all, Archer rode 2,748 winners and for thirteen successive seasons headed the list of successful jockeys. Coming to more recent times, Steve Donoghue rode the Derby winner no fewer than six times.

Racing Records

Naturally there are innumerable records of one kind and another connected with the turf. The largest sum ever won by an owner during a single season in England is believed to be the £73,857 collected by the Duke of Portland in 1889; although the Aga Khan is understood to have won nearly as much in a single year. The highest price ever paid for a racehorse was the £60,000 bid made by the late Sir Henry Mallaby-Deeley for Call Boy, while Mr. H. Benson paid £50,000 for Windsor Lad. Another interesting record is the odds paid out by the official race-course totalisator on a race at Haydock Park in 1929 won by the horse Coole — 3,410 to 1! Probably the most astonishing Derby win was that of the Italian-owned Signorinetta in 1908. Her two-year form had been terrible, her jockey was unknown, she was the only filly in the field, which included some good colts, and fancy prices were offered by the bookmakers in vain. She won easily, repeated her victory two days later in the Oaks and then faded out into complete obscurity again.

BOWLING NOTES



A Quiet Month for Bowls

Owing to the Royal Tour and inclement weather, our programme was somewhat curtailed this month.

ONE match of special interest was the defeat of Gordon Booth, J. Fox and T. McGrath, by that newly found skipper, Alan Turner, assisted by Alex Buckle and Geo. Brown. The scores 27 to 17 were somewhat staggering.

A new arrival in Pennants is debonair Archie Price, playing for Double Bay, he was seen to advantage in third position, his extensive repertoire of shots will be an acquisition to his team.

In the Mid-week "Knock-out" Competition:

E. Collins (N.S.W. Golf), 21, defeated Peters (A.N.Z. Bank), 15.

Bailey (R.A.C.A.), 24, defeated Vic. Paul (C.B. of S.), 19.

Young (Bondi Rotary), 25, defeated Hawkins (Chemists), 22.

Jim Hughan (Bread Trade), 20, defeated Rinaldi (I.N.S.), 16.

K. Cotton (C.B.S.), 20, defeated Geo. Webster (Cinema), 18.

The game between Cinema Industry and Tattersall's resulted in a win for Tatts. by 23 points, the score being 104 to 81.

Details: C. Cook, B. Fay, I. Silk and G. Booth (T.), 25; A. Gillespie, P. Dawson, G. Nacard and G. Webster (Cinema), 9. A. Buckle, W. Hole, K. Williams and C. M. Glynn (T.), 15; Makhann, Medcalf, Wilson and A. Nix (C.), 14. R. Ball, L. Jones, J. Saulwick and J. Monro (T.), 26; Sully, Bowden, McPherson and T. Hinton (C.), 18. G. Marshal, C. Cohen, J. Ruthven and Bill MacDonald (T.), 22. Drewette, Shepherd, Phillips and Winterflood (C.), 21. B. Levey, E. Abbott, T. McGrath and S. Peters (T.), 16; Graham, Naylor, Johnson and Laurantus (C.), 19.

By their consistently good bowling — Jack Pick and Jack Large are the cynosure of all eyes, and big things are expected of them.

Congenial Bert Levey is another to be relied on, and proved a tower of strength in the recent Cinema match.

With his hieroglyphics, Ted Abbott can claim a place in any team as a Scorer, generally called Second.

After a lengthy discussion at the "Round Table" conference recently, tactics will play an important part in the forthcoming challenge. This game is eagerly awaited.

“The Longer I Live – the More I Will Give”

ADOLPH BASSER'S QUIET PERSONALITY BELIES HIS MAGNIFICENT GIFTS AND SPECTACULAR YEARLING PURCHASES

Adolph Basser has almost as many facets to his personality as the diamonds that are sold at the shops of Saunders Limited, the company of which he is Managing Director. And each metamorphosis causes huge enjoyment to his wide circle of friends, both in and out of the Club—and in some cases to a far wider circle of people that he has never met.

THE Adolph Basser that you will meet in the Club is a quiet, knowledgeable man with a twinkle in his eye — a man who is content to listen rather than talk, but whose comments, made with a slight Polish accent, are apt to be very much to the point.

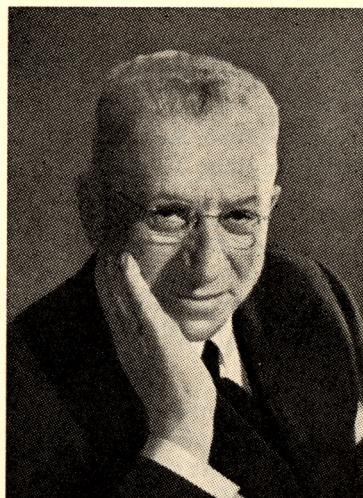
The Adolph Basser at Randwick or Flemington who has a runner in one of the events of the programme, is as excitable as a schoolboy — win, lose or place. Surely there has rarely been an owner with such a huge enjoyment in seeing his horse run — he is almost hilariously happy over a win, and philosophical enough over a failure. His great capacity for enjoying racing has made him a favourite with Australian racing crowds — and has added greatly to the enjoyment of his friends, who quite apart from gaining advantage over the fact that he is scrupulous in giving the best assessment of his horses' chances, gain more pleasure from any meeting when he

is around because his enthusiasm is quite infectious.

Then there is the Adolph Basser who is among the biggest bidders at the Yearling Sales, who is always ready to gamble on the chance of gaining a champion, and is prepared to pay the best price for the best blood to get that chance. Racing is immensely fortunate to have owners of his ilk, who are prepared to give patronage to the

sport, rather than to look upon it as a money-making business. Adolph is an owner because he enjoys ownership, because he loves seeing his horses run and, if they can, win on their merits. He has shown often enough that his interest in the Sport of Kings in Australia is far from selfish — there have been many occasions when he has turned down the chance of a profit because he thought it to the detriment of racing as a whole.

And last we look at Adolph Basser, the man who has emerged as one of Australia's major philanthropists, with gifts that now total well over a quarter million pounds. Rather to his discomfort, several of his bequests have been well publicised in the press — as was inevitable for gifts of these dimensions. But he has never publicised the hundreds of smaller gifts — the donations to Legacy, the gifts to aid the Jewish people, the gifts to hospitals and funds almost without number. In fact, when any established and reputable charity for the relief of poverty or suffering, is seeking some generous patron to give a worthy fund a good start-off, they almost inevitably approach Mr. Basser, and are rarely disappointed. “I hope that the longer I live, the more I will give,” said Adolph Basser to a reporter, when asked if he intended to continue the scale of the major gifts he has



made in the last year or two. And that simple sentence comes close to summing up the philosophy that governs all the facets of his complex character.

Adolph Basser, born around the turn of the century at Cracow, Poland, came out to Australia as a young man, and qualified himself as a practical optometrist. As the years went by, he quietly enlarged his business experience until he emerged as the head of the large firm of Saunders Ltd., when he bought the business outright in 1927 on the death of Mr. A. Saunders. The success of the Company has reflected his own ability; and in turn, his own financial success after modest beginnings reflects the profitable trading of the company, brought about by shrewd management.

Always a lover of racing, Adolph Basser was tempted into the ranks of ownership as soon as his purse could afford it. Claiming to know nothing of thoroughbreds, he was always ready to take the honest advice of men who had lived their life among horses, like Jack Jamieson, Jim Pike and Maurice McCarten. When he decided that, as a change from business, he needed a "hobby" and that the hobby should be owning a horse or two, he got experienced men to guide him in his purchases. Perhaps he was lucky that one of his purchases for 2,600 gns. was a colt by rising sire Mid-stream out of a Magpie mare named Gazza; he named the youngster Delta, and McCarten took over his training.

The story of Delta is almost too well known to need repeating here. Delta, thrice winner of the Club's Chelmsford Stakes, almost qualifies for honorary membership of the Club in his own right. Suffice to say that by 1949 Adolph knew that his three-year-old was likely to be a

champion; and in the next three seasons he had all the thrills that could come to an owner in a long lifetime — in 41 starts, Delta had 22 wins, 6 seconds and 2 thirds — only eleven times out of a place. He took the Victorian Derby, A.J.C. Metropolitan, then went on to win the high mark of racing in Australia — the Melbourne Cup of 1951. Altogether, Delta won more than £48,000 in stakes.

The 1951 Cup showed Adolph Basser in typical form. Convinced of his horses' good chances, he had freely tipped him as a winner around all his friends and acquaintances. When the horse won in the gamest fashion by catching fancied New Zealander Akbar in the last few strides under the impost of 9 st. 5 lbs., the papers carried the story that Basser had taken £50,000 from the Ring. But it emerged in a day or two that most of the money had been placed by him for friends; and he promptly proceeded to get rid of his share with gifts to the Melbourne Lord Mayor's Fund and elsewhere.

Delta's career finished in a blaze of glory. The season after his Cup win, he ran in the Club's Chelmsford Stakes in September, 1952, and won for the third time — a record equalled only by Limerick in the long history of the race. Carrying 9 st. 4 lbs., he raced away from Hydrogen to gain the verdict by four lengths — in the Australian record time for the distance (9 furlongs) of 1.49½. But that was Delta's last race. He pulled up a little lame and, although the lameness finally responded to treatment, he then suffered from a serious eye infection that nearly cost the horse his sight.

By breeding and performance, Delta was obviously fitted for retirement to the stud. Adolph Basser had several tempting

offers from American interests, but he was anxious to have the horse stand in Australia after the pleasure and excitement he had gained from racing him in Australia. Finally Delta was sold to Widden in February last year, for a figure far lower than the best overseas offers. He has stood at Widden for the fee of 300 gns., a record for an Australian-bred sire. The racing debut of his first progeny will be eagerly awaited by followers of bloodstock — as well as by thousands of members of the racing public who may know nothing of the subtleties of breeding, but thoroughly appreciated Delta as an honest champion, always out to do his best.

Adolph Basser's parting with Delta was quite sentimental; the horse had been a "one-man horse" in many ways — the one owner, the one trainer, the one strapper, Roy Warby, and, in all his wins, the one rider, Neville Sellwood. One proviso of the sale to Widden was that Adolph should have a colt from Delta's first crop.

Now Adolph is out to own another champion. He has paid top prices for fancied yearlings — 3,300 gns. in 1948 for a full-brother to Derby winner Valiant Crown; nearly as much in 1949 for a Felcrag-Dark Elegance colt named Dillard after the American Negro Olympic sprinter; another good bid for a Delville Wood-Murmur colt in 1952, the same year that he missed out in gaining a full-brother to Delta, a yearling that went to American owner, de Blois Wack, later named Deep River, winner of the 1952 A.J.C. Derby. Recently, of course, he has had hopes raised high by the successes of brilliant two-year-old Indian Empire — who may well be destined to follow in Delta's hoof-prints.

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In the philanthropic field, Adolph Basser became news when he made a gift of £50,000 in May, 1950, to the Royal Australian College of Physicians for research. It was typical of him that the gift was made without conditions, use of the money being left to the discretion of the Council of the College. Adolph was undoubtedly influenced in his giving by the fact that his only son, Adrian Basser, had chosen medicine — or rather surgery — as his career, and had been a doctor since 1940. Adolph, too, had shown his interest previously in medicine and research when he accepted a seat on the

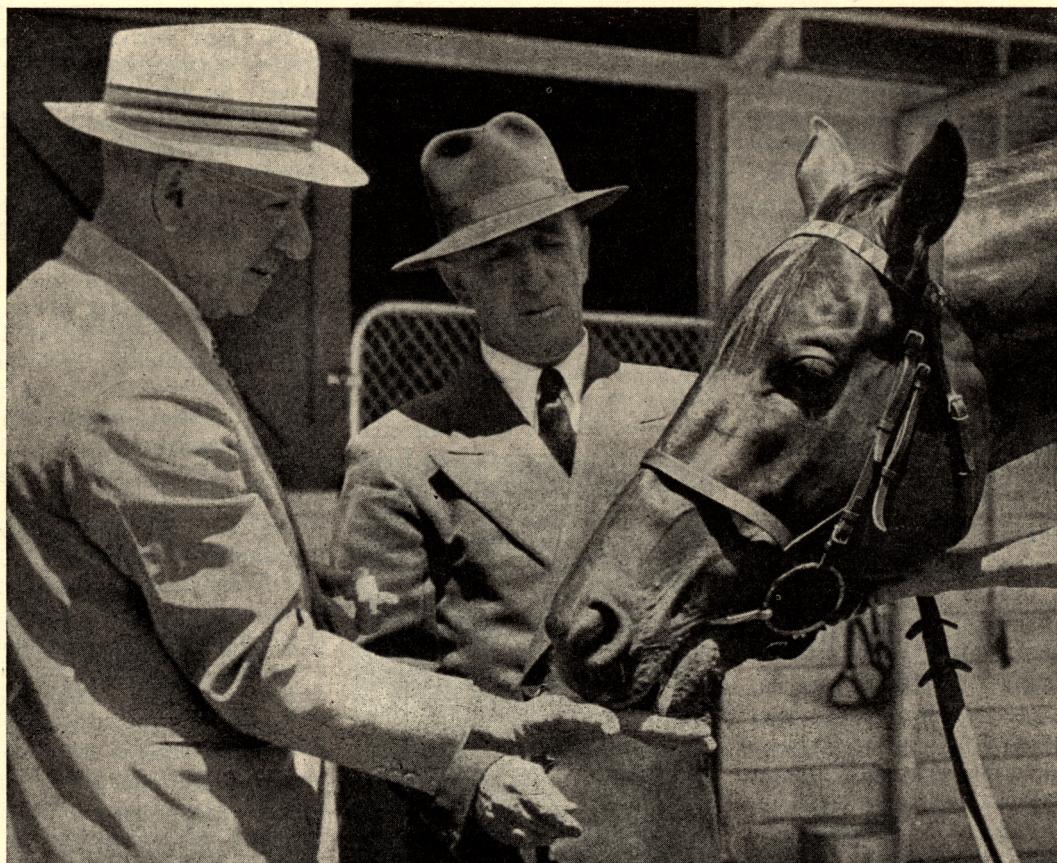
board of the proposed Jewish Hospital in Sydney.

In July, 1953, Adolph announced a gift of £100,000 to form a Trust Fund — the Adolph Basser Trust — to help the alleviation of poverty and to aid medical, scientific and other education in New South Wales. This magnificent gift was inspired by the help he had been able to give a young cardiologist he had met while overseas on a trip earlier in the year. "I am anxious to do something for my fellow-men while I live," he said to reporters.

Just last month, announcement was made of another munificent gift; £50,000 to the School

of Physics of Sydney University for the purchase of an electronic computer or "brain" to aid in nuclear research. Professor H. Messel, head of the School, said that the money would be used to buy a machine developed at the University of Illinois to be called "Silliae," and that it would be housed in the "Adolph Basser Computing Laboratory" at Sydney University.

Perhaps the best summary of the complicated character of our friend and fellow-member, Adolph Basser, is contained in a maxim that hangs on the wall of his business office. It says: "To rest content with results achieved is the first sign of business decay."



Adolph Basser and Maurice McCarten bid farewell to champion Delta. A picture taken a few days before the horse left for Widden Stud in February, 1953.

Photo, courtesy "Sydney Morning Herald."

Son of Big Game Stands at Carrington

Beautiful Stud Grew from S. G. White's Love of Horses

In last month's magazine, dealing with Baramul stud in the Widden Valley, we saw how a race-goer, tempted into the ranks of ownership, moved by almost imperceptible stages to the enjoyable task of raising thoroughbreds on his own stud property. Much the same story lies behind Carrington Stud, one of the newer establishments in the Hunter Valley.

OUR own fellow-member, Mr. S. G. White, is the owner and studmaster of Carrington, and the central figure in this cautionary tale. A man who has always had a great love of horses—all horses, not only thoroughbreds. Sid White tried his hand with trotters some long years ago. He owned a trotter or two back in Peter Riddell's day, with moderate and mixed success. From here it was a simple step to the ownership of gallopers.

Like most owners who have a real love of horseflesh, Sid White soon got taken with the idea of breeding from his own mares. He owned a good-class mare named Miss Brudell at the time,

and bought another one or two with the idea of getting a few good yearlings. For convenience he kept them at Widden, an arrangement that worked quite well for a while for all concerned.

But Sid White is not the sort of man who can look upon a horse as just another investment. He liked to see his stock frequently, to watch over their welfare and have some hand in their development; and he soon found the journey to Widden on the long side for a day's trip.

The next step was obvious and inevitable. He started to look around for some small property nearer to Sydney where he could keep mares and foals.

Around about that time, 1945, he heard that a cattle property named Carrington was up for sale by the owner, Les Friend. Carrington, set astride the Hunter River at Jerry's Plains, a rather unromantically - named village on a back-road between Singleton and Muswellbrook, was much larger than he had in mind, but it had many natural advantages and he took the plunge and purchased the whole estate.

The State Government's closer-settlement scheme later took a part of Carrington land, reducing the size to a manageable 1,400 acres of rich river flats and rolling hills. The country is good limestone land, well watered, and not so subject to the flooding that spoils so many other riverside properties. Les Friend had built a beautiful homestead, a large modern house with many refinements and a fine garden; and there was already some pro-

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vision for staff quarters, plus well-built barns and sheds for stock and machinery.

Carrington, like most Hunter Valley farms, grows great lucerne; the soil is deep and supports the crop with a minimum of irrigation — although more than a hundred acres of the property are now fully irrigated. In the flush season, Carrington has cropped as much as six tons of lucerne hay a day — and lucerne hay is a staple for the raising of sturdy thoroughbred stock.

Mr. White moved his mares and foals to the new property as soon as he could. Stables were built and the paddocks divided again to give the necessary rotation of pasture.

But Sid White soon felt the challenge of breeding from his own sires; with mares and foals, he was half in, half out of the breeding business — and being a man who rarely fails to answer a challenge, he soon made up his mind to buy a stallion and take on the difficult and exacting task of stud-ownership. Cecil Frost, his friend of many years standing and wise in the ways of breeding racehorses, was ready with advice and encouragement.

In 1946, he heard that a very promising son of Big Game was likely to come up for sale in England. Named Stockade, the young stallion was out of speedy mare Brulette, winner of a number of races in England and France, including the English Oaks, the Goodwood Cup (2 m. 5 f.), the Newmarket Jockey Club Cup (2 m.); winner of over £10,000 in England and nearly a half-million francs in France. Big Game, his sire, had been leading sire in England in 1938, and had got a great number of winners of classics over a period of years, and his progeny fetched fantastic prices as yearlings — a Big Game colt topped the sales again in 1953.

Stockade, bred in 1944, is a most impressive type of English thoroughbred stallion. He was not raced as a two-year-old, and thereafter was only very lightly raced and proved a good performer over distances from 1 mile to 1½ miles. He carried top weight or near top weight in all his starts with the exception of two occasions which were at set weights of 9 stone and 8 stone 9 lbs. Altogether he started in 12 races; he was ridden by Gordon Richards on 11 occasions. He won 5 out of the 12 starts, was second twice and third on one occasion and was only four times

unplaced. Sid White was tempted to buy him out of hand. But the figure set was close to £20,000, and after a lot of consideration, Mr. White decided to bid for Stockade at auction. Admittedly, the horse might fetch more than the price quoted; but at least he would have the satisfaction of knowing the stallion's worth was determined in competitive bidding.

Stockade was up for auction in 1947 and Sid White emerged from the fray as the owner. The horse came to Australia the following year, and stood his first season in 1949. His arrival, of course, meant a big change in the routine at Carrington — new buildings, augmented staff. Over the seasons, mares were purchased until now there are about forty belonging to the stud. Apart from thoroughbreds, Carrington retains the cattle that formed its original stock — one of the surest ways of ensuring freedom from red worm.

Last year, Stockade lived well up to his expectations. His first crop began their racing careers and won stakes to the value of £5,570 up to 31st July, 1953 — putting Stockade in second position for first-season sires. This season, his progeny have continued successful in N.S.W. and other States — Corral, Fort,

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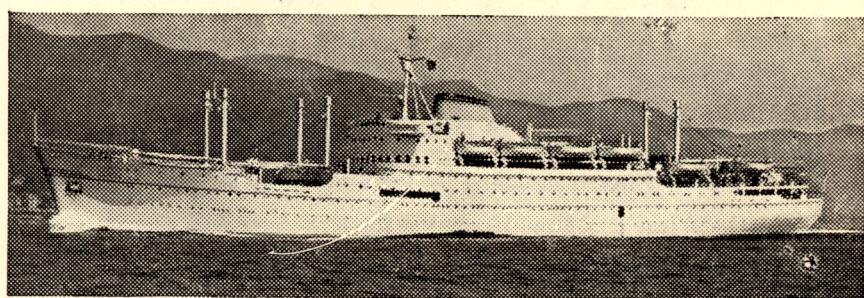
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Moat, Palisade, Prince Stockade, Stocklash, Viterin, winners last season, have been joined by Bur-rabuddy — All Stakes winner for prominent owner, Mr. Mears, in West Australia; Compound — and quite a few others. Stockade has proved prolific as well as successful — with careful management, he has covered more than fifty mares a season.

If you have one stallion, you may as well have two; so Bob Cherry, a horse by Gainsborough sire, Bobsleigh, has been purchased. This is his first season at the stud — it will be a couple of years before his first progeny will be in the sale ring.

So there you have it; all the trials and difficulties — and the rewards — of the ownership of a stud, stemming from the purchase of "a mare or two." But Sid White, a man who loves horses, tackles the task with a huge enjoyment, backed by a shrewdness of judgment and a basic determination to succeed that has stood him in good stead in other fields. Yet, like most horse-lovers, he is a sentimentalist where horses are concerned. Up in the lush paddocks at Carrington are quite a few old-timers — living a life of equine luxury — like the New Zealand gelding, Bruce, an outstanding performer in his day, in whose career Sid White had quite a hand.

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What is a Billiard Cue?

**Billiard cues were introduced before 1674 A.D.
but we still do not know what they are.**

BILLIARD players and lovers of the game might well have rubbed their eyes on an occasion just before World War II when reading that Englishman Alec Brown, snooker champion, declared that he had found a flaw in the rules.

In his match against Tom Newman for the Gold Cup presented by the London "Daily Mail," Brown found himself in difficulties and amazed onlookers by drawing a tipped fountain

pen from his pocket and making a light tap on the cue-ball with same.

"Foul," declared referee Charlie Chambers, as he instructed the scorer to credit Newman with seven points.

"Why?" asked Brown. "Show me the rule that defines the dimensions of a billiard cue, or, what a billiard cue really is."

Chambers could not do that, but would not alter his ruling. He was quite right.

Although the rules were entirely lacking in the information sought, general usage has established the modern cue, as we know it, but Brown's escapade into fantastic heights sent students of the game into dusty and musty files of long ago in an endeavour to find if there ever was a definition.

In 1674, billiards was referred to as "gentile, cleanly, and most ingenious." The Compleat Gamester states "the table is something longer than it is broad, is railed round, which rail should be stuff by flox."

Rubber cushions were introduced in 1835. In 1827 slate beds were brought into favour and the game was played with "two small ivory balls and two sticks."

In 1807 the leather tip was invented and introduced by Carr, of England, though the inventor was a Frenchman named Mignaud.

In the same year Carr introduced chalk, as we know it to-day, and thus obviated "chalking up" by rubbing the cue-tip against a white-washed ceiling.

Evidently the earliest billiard tables were home-made, as witness the following instruction issued to "those who would care to play this delightful pastime."

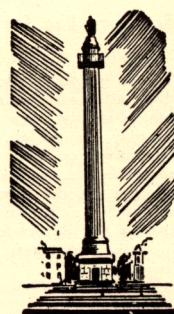
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Here is a rule that might be re-introduced with advantage today (we are back in 1807):—"If a stander-by instruct, direct, or speak in the game, he shall immediately forfeit tuppence for the good of the company, or be not suffered to stay in the room."

In 1734 French billiards was introduced and "played with masts and balls." Masts undoubtedly meant cue. In 1769 billiards was first mentioned in "Hoyles."

In 1807, Carr, who was marker for a room proprietor named Bartley, in Bath (England), discovered the use of "side" in a lesson from his master. Carr exploited it and built a great name for himself. In 1839 a player named Kentfield produced the best book on billiards to that time. He gave a new and up-to-date set of rules, which included the table measurement, pockets, balls, etc., but never a word about the size of the cue.

The book mentioned became the standard for all, and the omission has therefore remained ever since. The rules and conditions have been revised over and over again, but it seems that

once more the Billiards and Control Council were to be forced to sit in an endeavour to appease the Alec Browns of the billiards world.

And so it was. In late 1939, the ruling body laid down a ready definition of a cue — limiting the shape generally to that conventionally known, and the length to "not less than 3 ft. 6 inches."

A good definition — but 250 years late!

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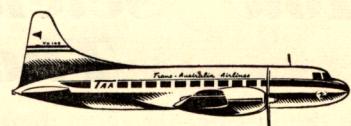
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How Science Aids Thoroughbred Breeding

In the last twenty years there has been a marked increase in the aids that science can suggest for thoroughbred breeding; there are three or four outstanding in importance.

FIRSTLY, there is dominant and recessive character, and ordinarily colour is considered as a character. This receives support in Mendel's Law of Heredity, which expounds that 50 per cent. of the hybrid's germ cells contain the dominant character, and 50 per cent. the recessive or shy character. And, further, that the recessive character can be carried along for generations unseen, and all at once puts in its appearance. Of this, Diomed, the first winner of the Epsom Derby, 1780, becomes an early example. He was the only Chestnut-coloured offspring of ten of his dam, who, like his sire, was dominant bay.

It is not an uncommon thing for a breeder to have sent his choicely-bred mare to an equally choicely-bred sire of dominant colour, to return the blood which he had in view in the hope of breeding say a stayer, and to his surprise a recessive chestnut appears.

So much prominence is accorded the sire and "tail-male" descent in connection with the thoroughbred that colour, on first thought, may seem to be of little consequence. But as a matter of fact it is of considerable economic importance to the breeder. It therefore becomes necessary to understand coat colour inheritance.

To a large extent, the present comprehensive understanding of coat colour inheritance in horses is due to W. S. Anderson of Kentucky. His Ken. Research Bul. 180 is set out lucidly to give

a well-reasoned summary, the logic of which should be apparent to the thoughtful breeder. Shortly, chestnut is a recessive colour, and the mating of two recessive chestnuts will invariably produce chestnut. Thus the offspring of a chestnut sire and dam, as Doncaster, Bend'Or, Bona Vista, Cyllene, become natural recessives in succession. This also applies to Bend'Or, Kendal, Tredennis and Soldennis, so that scientifically it is obvious they cannot help being in succession by such matings.

Brown, bay and grey are dominant colours, and they play and have played (particularly grey since 1910) a very important part in the breeding of the thoroughbred. Much has been said lately of the "tail-male descents," which starts with Stockwell and includes Bend'Or. Stockwell, however, was not a natural recessive, his dam, Pocahontas, being dominant bay. Pocahontas acquired the highest honours at the stud, but was an indifferent performer and a confirmed roarer. She was none the less an important daughter of Glencoe, chestnut, who won the Two Thousand Guineas, and when exported to America became their leading sire. Is it not just possible that recessive Glencoe, through his daughter in tail-female descent, was as much responsible for Stockwell's influence on the breed while it lasted, some 20 years?

It may be here remarked that "tail-male descent" (which savours of commercialism when

writing up stallions at the stud) does not have to enter into the deductions of cattlemen, who continue to pin their faith to "tail-female" descent.

However, be that as it may, the great Ormonde, dominant bay, 1883, was the first in order of date to break the natural succession from Doncaster. In support, Ormonde became a roarer, the trait which he inherited from Pocahontas in blending inheritance and female descent.

Polymelus, bay, 1902, was the next to break the Stockwell recessive descent. His breeding discloses three specialties. The first that he was a great sire, the second that his dam was nine years older than his recessive sire, Cyllene, and the third (as knowing where to leave off) is deferred for comment under aid 2.

Sainfoin, it is submitted, is a definite illustration in blending inheritance in contrast to tail-male descent. By Springfield, bay, he was a great-grandson of Stockwell on both sides of his pedigree, yet with such dual remarkableness in pedigree and sire, Sainfoin was not a stayer. Springfield as a three-year-old accomplished a succession of victories, nine in number, the like of which may be looked for in vain in the pages of Weatherby. He won 20 races in all, and easily accounted for Silvio, by Blair Athol, and seven others in the Champion Stakes. Sainfoin's third and fourth dams were winners of the Oaks, whereby he was effeminate in nature to limitations. Was he not soundly beaten into fourth place by St. Simon's daughter, Memoir, in the St. Leger? His son, Rock Sand, dominant brown, who won

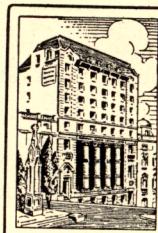
£45,618 in stakes, was a grandson of St. Simon, brown. And breeders might consider that a "super-prepotent" sire, as was St. Simon, is extremely rare.

Briefly, in closing, Stockwell, recessive, was indebted to Touchstone and Melbourne, dominant, for his best stock, naming The Marquis, Lord Lyon, Achievement, Blair Athol. Do we ever see Lord Lyon in tail-male pedigree descent?

As merely Nature's outeross for mares of his age or era, Stockwell's influence lasted just two decades, where there arose another recessive in Hermit, who also held sway for 20 years, until Galopin's blood dominated, which it does to-day, in both male and female descent. In support there is Son-in-Law, conspicuous as our most consistent sire. He can claim two strains of Blair Athol, but both in tail-female. Where else does Blair Athol, with all his chances, appear in present-day pedigrees?

Do breeders study their pedigrees with sufficient care? Here is a thought in general, in conclusion: My Prince, bay, at so moderate a fee as to suggest being a neglected stallion, sired three winners of four Grand Nationals. His dam, a daughter of St. Simon, was seven years older than his sire recessive Marcovil. St. Simon's dam, also was seven years older than his sire, Galopin. Ormonde, of the Agnes family, the building up of which was as much due to Birdcatcher, of St. Simon's "tap-root" family, his dam, Lily Agnes was seven years older than his recessive sire Blend'Or.

And Plucky Liege, also of the Agnes family, the dam of Bois Roussel, is an example up to date. She was fourteen years older than Bois Roussel's sire. And her dam, Concertina, by St. Simon, was seven years older than her sire Spearmint.



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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

RACING

THE Victorian Bloodhorse Breeders' Association has a pet scheme which will be launched shortly with all the drive it can command.

The plan is to organise an Australian Derby and an Australian St. Leger, and to try to make the fields truly representative of the various States.

The proposal is that the Derby should be run in Melbourne in November and that the St. Leger should be run in Sydney in April.

There is another point of view which envisions the running of the classics in different States, but this is a minority proposal and one that has many disadvantages.

Each State has its Derby and St. Leger and it is not intended to interfere with these races.

Australians may have some idea of the relative value of the

form in each of these races, but the overseas buyer must find it very confusing to correlate performances.

And the overseas buyer of racehorses is a very important person at this moment.

More and more interest is being displayed by Americans in the Australian-bred horse.

A recent shipment of breeding stock sold at very satisfactory prices in California.

Shortly six mares will be mated in Australia to American time.

They will then be shipped to America, held until their foals are born, and put on the market.

Prospects of constant trade are good because American breeders find beneficial results from importing new strains of bloodlines.

The average racegoer in Australia is not greatly interested in the opening of American markets for the breeders, but he is interested in the development of his entertainment.

On this angle alone the Victorian proposals are worthy of consideration.

November is the best month in the calendar to decide a Derby.

By that time the young horses have had time to develop their stamina.

At times there are starters in the A.J.C. Derby in October which

are slightly under three years old.

Melbourne is the focal point of all racing in November because of the Melbourne Cup.

Therefore, with carnival meetings at Caulfield, Moonee Valley and Flemington, there is plenty to attract the interstate stables.

If a plan could be evolved which would ensure that the best three-year-old from each State were in the Australian Derby field, the race would attract great public interest.

There should not be much difficulty in doing this, even in the years when there is an outstanding three-year-old to frighten away opponents.

A cut-up of the stakemoney, providing good prizes for second and third horses, and possibly for fourth, might in itself be sufficient to induce starters from all States.

Such a division of stakemoney certainly would help build up the fields for the St. Leger in Sydney.

If all States agreed to frame programmes designed to develop three-year-old stayers, there would probably be better local racing.

Weight-for-age fields would benefit, a fact proved in Melbourne, where three-year-old racing is very much favoured by the racing club executives.

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Air transport has played a big part in the progress of racing in Australia.

It has made interstate competition more frequent, and racing long ago learned that the rivalry of interstate competition is the best crowd-drawer of all.

GOLF

AMERICAN millionaire amateur golfer, Frank Stranahan, may play in the Ampol tournament to be held at The Lakes in October.

Stranahan, who is 31 years of age, is one of the most dynamic amateurs ever to play the game.

He represented the United States in Walker Cup matches against Great Britain in 1947-49-51. He was the first amateur in the British Open championship in 1947-49-50-51.

Stranahan has played in most of the big golfing countries in the world. He has lost count of the number of amateur tournaments he has won.

He was British amateur champion in 1948-50, All-American amateur from 1948 to 1952, and the Tam o'Shanter world amateur 1950-51-52.

He has won seven open championships in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

He had a record breaking round of 61 in the 10,000 dollars Tucson Open.

Mr. Walkeley, of Ampol, says

that the 1954 Ampol will be the greatest golf tournament yet staged in Australia.

The United States team to play in the Ampol and The Lakes International Cup will be a truly representative side.

Mr. Walkeley said that the attorney-manager of the United States Professional Golf Association, Tom Crane, and its president, Joe Novak, had assured him that the team would include the American professional and open

champions and the best two other players available.

A team selected from world names like Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Julius Boros, Lew Worsham, Lloyd Mangrum, Cary Middlecoff and Walter Burkemo would seem like a dream to the Australian golfing public.

WRESTLING

GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT,

who is generally regarded to have been the greatest wrestler

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of all times is a little cranky that people generally seem to have the idea that he is dead.

On the contrary, The Russian Lion, as he was known, is very much alive at 79 and claims that he can still wrestle well. More than that, he says, that after 35

years of study, he believes he has found the key to a long and happy life for practically everybody — a secret that might be summed up as "life begins at 80."

Hackenschmidt, who now lives in London, moves his 15 stone around with the ease of a lightweight.

Discussing the fact that most people refuse to believe he is still alive he said recently, "This shows you the comparative value the world places on brains and brawn. When I was wrestling my name was in headlines every day. But now that I am a philosopher people say, 'Hackenschmidt? Oh, he died years ago.'

Born of poor parents in Latvia, Hackenschmidt developed into a man of phenomenal strength with a 52 in. chest, 18 in. biceps and 24 in. neck. As a schoolboy he used to give exhibitions of feats of strength such as carrying four of his schoolmates together for long distances.

In his first international wrestling competition he defeated 12 of the world's best wrestlers in a total time of 43 minutes. And this was in the days when wrestling was a legitimate sport.

He was so strong he set world's weightlifting records without serious training for them and he crushed the Indian giant, Madali, unconscious with a bear-hug in 50 seconds.

A damaged knee finally forced The Russian Lion out of wrestling.

He explains, "So I decided I had used my muscles long enough. Now I would use my head. I wrote books on man and the cosmos and other subjects along that line. I lectured at various universities and got myself quite a name among scholars.

"But I always concentrated on learning how to husband the vital force of all of us so that chronological time will become less and less important.

"What does it matter if a man is 79 or 89, provided he looks and feels younger. I am writing a book embodying my beliefs on this subject. I have been using myself as a guinea-pig for 35 years.

"Here I am approaching 80. I can still wrestle. My appetite is excellent. I have no aches or pains. This is no accident. I am setting down exactly the mental and physical regime I have followed."

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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ **March, 1933**

THE Magazine of March, 1933, carried announcements of the Yearling Sales as usual — and it's interesting to look through the offerings of that time, armed with our present knowledge of which stallions came good as sires — and which didn't. Most fancied colts were by Pantheon and Windbag; most of the Pantheon draft were from Mr. P. Miller at Secone, with a few from Kia Ora. Brazen was another popular sire, and there were still a few youngsters coming from Heroic and Magpie. New sires were Bullhead and Marconigram; others mentioned were Caledon, Moabite, High Art, Spearhead, Silvius, Blue Flame, Treclare, Silverado. There's still a ring of fame about some of these names — others are almost forgotten.

THE Autumn Meeting of 1933 marked the 100th Anniversary of racing at Randwick.

THE Swimming Club came up with a new idea on March 9, 1933 — a mid-week "Swimming Cabaret." Chief attraction was not the dancing — although that was well-enough patronised — but a magnificent exhibition of plain and fancy diving by Frank Kurtz, amateur diving champion of the U.S.A. a couple of seasons previously. Kurtz, off the 3-foot board, did many dives that would have done him credit from 10 feet above the water — finishing

his exhibition with a flying somersault and full twist. Earl Beauchamp, visiting the Club during his stay in Sydney, was particularly full of praise for an outstandingly enjoyable evening.

THE Magazine was unusually full of Swimming Club affairs. C. Godhard was leading in the Annual Point Score, only a point ahead of Sam Block, with Dr. Clough third. Hans Robertson and Alec Richards tied for the March monthly point score. Jack Samuels, to celebrate his election as a life-member of the Club, presented the swimmers with a handsome cup for competition — at the time, they had not decided what to do with it.

THE golfers, worn down by a particularly hot summer, decided to "rest" during March — their annual meeting and, more important, annual dinner, were down for March 21. According to reports it was a hilarious evening.

AND, talking of dinners, the Club's "Special" dinner menu is given in the March, 1933, Magazine: Oysters, plain or cocktail; soup; chicken, loin of pork or grilled fillet steak; rum caramel cream or peaches . . . and the price? 5/6! Times were cruel 'ard in 1933.



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Racing Fixtures for 1954

MARCH

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 20
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 27
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 31

APRIL

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 3
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 10
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 17
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 19
*Australian Jockey Club Wed. 21
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 24
* (Autumn Meeting)

Australian Jockey Club Mon. 26
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 28

MAY

City Tattersall's (Randwick) Sat. 1
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 8
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 15
Tattersall's Club (Randwick) Sat. 22
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 26
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 29

JUNE

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 5
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 9
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 12

*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 14
* (Winter Meeting)

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 19

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 26

JULY

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 3
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 10
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 17
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 24
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 28
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 31

AUGUST

*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 2
* (Bank Holiday Meeting)

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 7

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 14

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 21

Sydney Turf Club Wed. 25

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 28

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 4

Tattersall's Club (Randwick) Sat. 11

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 18

Sydney Turf Club Wed. 22

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 25

OCTOBER

*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 2

*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 4

*Australian Jockey Club Wed. 6

*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 9

* (Spring Meeting)

Sydney Turf Club Wed. 13

City Tattersall's (Randwick) Sat. 16

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 23

Australian Jockey Club Sat. 30

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 6

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 13

Sydney Turf Club Wed. 17

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 20

Australian Jockey Club Sat. 27

DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 4

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 11

*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 18

Sydney Turf Club Wed. 22

*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 27

* (Summer Meeting)

Handball Competition

Chart

In a very close match, Geoff. Eastment defeated Malcolm Fuller 21-14, 22-20. Geoff, who is a southpaw with a terrific slamming drive off his left hand, was a little too good for Malcolm who has shown rapid improvement. Malcolm did not allow Geoff's fierce hitting to overawe him and went within an ace of taking the second set. If this had happened, it would be hard to say how the contest would have ended. However, Geoff. won a very well deserved victory and Malcolm was grand in defeat.

C Grade

Only one further game has been played in this division. Neil Barrell defeated Ron Spencer 21-9, 21-12. The competitors in this grade are still very slow in arranging their matches, and we again remind them of their obligations in this regard, and appeal to them to do something about it.

Personal

A word of praise for the chaps who umpired the games mentioned in this report: Fred Harvie, Sam Block, Peter Lindsay, Arthur McCamley. These fellows take this job very seriously, and I feel sure the competitors join with me in saying "Thank you men."

A GRADE			
McGilvray, Lindsay,	v.	McGilvray, 21-11, 21-9	
Dexter, McCamley 21-12, 21-11	v.	Dexter, Sellen,	
Harvie, Partridge, 23-22, 21-5	v.	Partridge, Lazarus,	Partridge, 21-9, 21-19
Woodfield, Davis,	v.	Davis,	21-11, 21-15

B GRADE			
Thompson, Penfold,	v.	Thompson, Boulton, 12-21, 21-16, 21-12	Thompson,
		H. E. Davis, A. Magill,	Magill, W.O.
Kirwan, Shaffran,	v.	Shaffran, Thicknesse, 21-16, 14-21, 21-16	Thicknesse,
Chatterton, Fuller,	v.	Fuller, Eastment,	Eastment, 21-14, 22-20

C GRADE			
P. Hill, D. Bloomfield,	v.		
S. B. Solomon, K. Francis,	v.		
T. Barrell, H. B. Castle,	v.	C. Godhard, H. B. Castle, 14-21, 23-21, 21-11	H. B. Castle, 21-12, 21-13
C. Laforest, P. Williams,	v.	C. Laforest, L. A. Silk,	
R. G. Spencer, N. Barrell,	v.	B. Adams, Barrell 21-9, 21-12	

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There is an old saying, “I used to grumble because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet,” and it is often true that people with real handicaps are more cheerful and uncomplaining than those with minor illnesses. Certainly it is true at the Red Cross Lady Lawley-Cottage-by-the-Sea in Western Australia.

Tiny children with twisted limbs often spend years at the Cottage undergoing treatment, and yet there is little misery among the patients. The keynote of the home is happiness and co-operation.

This partly because re-education of the limbs is a “game” and everyone is so kind and helpful—and partly because all the children suffer from some handicap and learn to help each other in the fight for a normal life.

There are 38 beds at the Cottage, which has been maintained for some years by the West Australian Division of the Society at considerable

expense. This year, the Cottage has been classified as a Class C Hospital, which will mean some financial help through the Commonwealth Government Health Scheme.

Patients include medical and surgical convalescents and spastics. Most of them are long-term cases, some having been at the Cottage as long as six years. Many are from country areas where part-time physiotherapy treatment is not available.

Staff consists of Matron Young, two sisters, a physiotherapist, and assistant nursing and domestic staff. A Speech Therapist visits the Cottage and the Education Department provides two school teachers.

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